

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action that was mailed on September 9, 2003. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indicated allowability of claims 10 and 11. Claims 1-9 and 12-22 are cancelled – without prejudice to their subject matter or to their reassertion in this or a continuing application. With this Amendment, only allowed claims 10 and 11 remain in the application. Therefore, entry of this Amendment is manifestly proper and is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this application, he is requested to contact Richard Gallagher, Reg. No. 28,781, at (703) 205-8008.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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